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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Page 23, Claim 9, change "the previous claims" to  
--claims 1-8--.

Claim 10, change "of the previous claims" to  
--one of claims 1-8--.

Please add new claim 11 as follows:

--11. A diagnostic kit as claimed in claim 10, further comprising  
one or more of the following ~~control~~ primers:

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Conclusion

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AAACTTTACAGGGATGGAGAACG  
AGAGGATTATCTATGCAAATCCTGTAAACC  
TCAACTTCACTATCAAAAGTCATCATCTAG. --

REMARKS:

Claims 9 and 10 have been amended and new claim 11 has been added in order to eliminate the improper multiple dependency of the claims. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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